

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**5 SERVICE DISCOVERY IN A NETWORK OF AUTOMATIC
 PRODUCT/SERVICE DISPENSING MACHINES**

 A method, system, and computer program product for
providing products to a user via an automated product
10 dispensing machine is provided. In one embodiment, an
automatic product dispensing machine in a micronetwork of
proximally located diverse automatic product dispensing
machines receives a request for an item. Responsive to a
determination that the item is unavailable at a current
15 automatic product dispensing machine, the automatic
product dispensing machine provides a user with an
alternative redemption product, such as, for example, a
coupon that may be redeemed at another automatic product
dispensing machine or at a nearby store.